

ABSTRACT

A character string is stored in a character information storage module 11 as text data while the size of each character is stored in a character size storage module 12. The state of a frame in which the character string is displayed or printed is set to a "configuration fixed state" or a "configuration alterable state" by a frame state setting module 14 and the configuration of the frame is stored in a frame configuration storage module 13. When the frame configuration alteration module 14 has set the frame in the "configuration fixed state", a character size alteration module 16 alters the memory contents of the character size storage module 12 so that the character string will fit in the frame. When the frame configuration alteration module 14 has set the frame in the "configuration alterable state", a frame configuration alteration module 13 alters the memory contents of the frame configuration storage module 15 so that the character string will fit in the frame.